

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
21 JULY 2021
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster is holding a regular meeting at 7:30 PM, on July 21, 2021 at Village Hall, at 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini
Trustees: Mary Bryde, George Gaspar, Tom Boissonnault
Village Police Chief: John Del Gardo
Village Engineer:
Village Counsel: Jennifer Herodes,
Clerk & Treasurer: Michelle Chiudina
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Donna Milazzo

Absent:

Todd Atkinson
Gregory Folchetti

Pledge to flag.

Notion of Exits

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the regular meeting, Trustee Bryde 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

Regular Meeting

1. Brewster Fire Department Parade Permit. Tabled.
2. Proclamations for Boy Scouts Troop 1. Mayor Schoenig announces that these five proclamations will be read and presented to the Eagle Scout recipients on August 1, 2021 at Wells Park. Trustee Bryde notes that herself and Clerk Chiudina will be attending and Mayor Schoenig confirms that he will also be there, as well as Trustee Gaspar.
3. Monthly Reports
 - 3.1. Police Report, June, 2021. Chief John Del Gardo delivers the Police Report for June, 2021. Trustee Bryde notes the majority of tickets that the Police give out have gone down since May, and is stunned by someone passing the school bus but is glad that the person was stopped. She also notes that the handicapped parking tickets went down, as well as the unlicensed driver tickets. Trustee Bryde asks where the noise complaints were coming from and Chief Del Gardo confirms that all of the complaints were all over the Village. Trustee Bryde also asks about the alarm at the gun store, and Chief Del Gardo clarifies that this store was robbed twice so when the call came over the radio at 2 AM, the Village Police responded but it turned out that the alarm was faulty. Trustee Bryde inquires about the sexual abuse case, and Chief Del Gardo explains that an officer was called to a medical facility to file a report but this happened outside of the Village so the State Police are handling it. Trustee Bryde asks about the criminal mischief and Chief explains that this was a broken store window but he is still unsure of how it happened. Trustee Gaspar asks what time of day this call came in and Chief Del Gardo clarifies that it was daytime. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks if there were a lot of noise complaints about fireworks and Chief Del Gardo notes that there were only one or two, which is not as bad as previous years, and he further notes that those complaints were all outside of the Village. Trustee Bryde requests clarification on the vehicle repairs and Chief Del Gardo explains that these were two different cars; one car needed repairs to the AC and another car needed brakes. Trustee Bryde notes that the number of parking tickets were down as well. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the Police Report for June, 2021, Trustee Bryde 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.
 - 3.2. Code Enforcement Report, June, 2021. Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Bill Scorca, delivers the Code Enforcement Report for June, 2021. Mr. Scorca discusses the ongoing projects in the Village including, Brewster Public Library, 530 North Main Street, 861-869 Route 22, the General Bakery, and 85 Main Street. Mr. Scorca notes the traffic on North Main from the Carmel Avenue due to the bridge replacement project. He also notes that the grass has been cut at 20 Garden Street. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the Code Enforcement Report for June, 2021, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

4. Putnam County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption - Resolution 072121-1. Clerk Chiudina notes that herself, DPW Superintendent Domenic Consentino and Village Engineer Todd Atkinson, worked on this project with Tetra Tech and explains that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is done every five years to ensure that hazards within the Village are being monitored and remediated in a timely manner. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve Resolution 072121-1, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.
5. Amendment to Employee Handbook: Police Officer Holiday Pay – Resolution 072121-2. Mayor Schoenig notes that the handbook doesn't consider that police officers work the actual holidays and this resolution will give those officers who work the holidays, that may fall on a weekend, the holiday pay rather than the officers that worked on the observed holiday. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks why aren't officers working on the holiday and the observed holiday both be paid time and a half or double time and Clerk Chiudina explains that the police budget could not sustain paying both sets of officers the overtime they would receive. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks that this be considered when working on next year's budget. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve Resolution 072121-2, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.
6. Outstanding Outside Water Users Bills. Clerk Chiudina provides the Board with two reports, one for outstanding balances for all water users, which came to \$92,045.15 and one for outstanding balances for outside water users, which came to \$7,006.48. Clerk Chiudina announces that as of December 23, 2021, the Village will be able to send water shut off notices to those who have not paid their water bills. She also reminds the public that a notice went out with the water bill asking those who are having financial difficulties due to COVID to be put into a payment plan, which would be similar to the agreements that the Village Board has provided in the past. Clerk Chiudina notes that residents and small businesses only have until December 22, 2021 to inform the Village Office of these financial difficulties to avoid the outstanding balance to be releived onto the 2022-2023 taxes.
7. Correspondence Sent & Received for June, 2021. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve Correspondence Sent & Received for June, 2021, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.
8. Minutes for Approval – July 7, 2021. Trustee Bryde motions to approve the Minutes from the July 7, 2021 meeting, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.
9. Vouchers Payable. Trustee Bryde reviewed the vouchers at Village Hall and found everything in order.

9.1. A -	GENERAL FUND	\$57,880.06
9.2. C -	REFUSE & GARBAGE	990.94
9.3. EN -	ENGINEERING FEES ESCROW ACCT	6,046.25
9.4. F -	WATER FUND	15,032.64
9.5. G -	SEWER FUND	60,005.65
9.6. H64 -	STREET MILLING & PAVING PROJECT – 2019	3,200.00
9.7. H65 -	WELLS PARK BIKE PATH CONNECTOR	750.00
9.8. TA -	TRUST & AGENCY	9,102.54

Total Vouchers Payable \$153,008.08

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the vouchers payable as written, Trustee Bryde 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

10. Other Business
 - 10.1. Trustee Gaspar notes that he has not seen NYSEG putting up any more LED street lights and asks if the project is done. Clerk Chiudina believes that the project is done, if not, there are only a few more lights that need to be switched out and she will reach out to NYSEG for an update. Mayor Schoenig states that he has noticed an improvement in the brightness of the lights. Trustee Bryde notes that the light near her road is still not as bright and Clerk Chiudina states that the lights can be adjusted as needed.
 - 10.2. Mayor Schoenig asks if a representative from the Brewster-Southeast Fire Department will be attending tonight's meeting and Clerk Chiudina states that she reached out to Gerry Schramek and he will be attending the August 4, 2021.
11. New Business – none.
12. Public Comment
 - 12.1. Mr. Richard Prejs informs the Board about the loud music that is played in the morning and is requesting that someone ask them to not play the music so loud. Mayor Schoenig will have an officer report to the area so that the person or persons can be spoken to.
 - 12.2. Mr. Alec Barnes – 864 Rt 22. Mr. Barnes spoke with Clerk Chiudina about possibly renovating this house to a two family, as it is currently an office on the first floor and an apartment on the second floor. Trustee Gaspar notes that in the B2 District, residential properties are not permitted so Mr. Barnes will need a Special Exception Use

Permit. Counsel Herodes recommends that Mr. Barnes seeks the advice of a land use attorney to help him move forward with this project and notes that these kinds of requests take time. Clerk Chiudina clarifies that in the B2 district, there are no Special Exception Use Permits for residential only buildings and Mr. Barnes would need to apply to allow that use in the B2 district.

12.3. Councilman John Lord of the Town of Southeast asks when the Firemen's Parade is and Trustee Gaspar states that the parade is August 21, 2021. Councilman Lord also asks if both of the developers are still involved in the Urban Renewal Project and the status of the DEP land. Mayor Schoenig confirms both developers are still involved and states that the DEP land will be deeded over to the Village once a submittal is made for a plan for the transferred property for the stormwater runoff, which was approved at the previous meeting. Mayor Schoenig notes that both developers will be involved in the project going forward and asks where Councilman Lord is hearing that there will only be one. Councilman Lord expresses his concern about a possible conflict of interest and Mayor Schoenig states that Town Attorney Willis Stephens has confirmed there is no conflict of interest and Councilman Lord is aware of this but was under the impression that only one developer would be working the Urban Renewal Project. Counsel Herodes states that a conflict of interest can only be determined by the person involved and does not believe that a conflict of interest would cause an unfair advantage in this case, as the Town and Village are two separate issues.

12.4. DPW Superintendent Domenic Consentino informs the Board that the dump truck that was being auctioned off sold for \$30,800 and needs Board approval to move forward with the process. Deputy Mayor Piccini moves to allow DPW Superintendent Domenic Consentino to notify the auction house to move forward with the sale and complete the necessary paperwork, Trustee Gaspar 2nd all in favor 5 to 0. Mr. Consentino will order signs for Wells Park; one to state that the park is under video surveillance and another that says no pets allowed. He asks for clarification if a service animal is allowed in the park and Counsel Herodes states that a service animal is classified as a companion. Mr. Consentino explains that the Fire Department is getting a shed and they asked for help moving the clothing bins, as that is where the shed will go and Mayor Schoenig states that he has no problem with the DPW helping out. Mayor Schoenig asks if the signs for Casino Street have been put up yet and Mr. Consentino is looking to see how many signs he will need for other areas of the Village, such as Wells Street. Trustee Gaspar asks if Mr. Consentino can patch the pot hole next to the catch basin and Mr. Consentino says he will put that on his list.

12.5. Councilman Lord asks if the Bike Path will still go down into Wells Park and the Board confirms this but does not have a date as to when the work will be completed. Trustee Boissonnault notes that there is schedule in the works so that the construction does not interfere with the use of Wells Park.

12.6. Mayor Schoenig asks about the Audio-Visual Equipment that was lost due to the mold remediation done in the basement of Village Hall. Counsel Herodes will be providing Trustee Boissonnault and Clerk Chiudina with a letter that will be sent to the Putnam Community Foundation asking for repayment of the lost equipment.

12.7. Deputy Mayor Piccini discusses the 28 Eastview project, and Trustee Gaspar and Mayor Schoenig inform the Board of the discussion at the Planning Board meeting on July 20th. Deputy Mayor Piccini mentions that there doesn't appear to be sidewalks on the drawings and Trustee Gaspar confirms that there will be sidewalks and Mayor Schoenig continues explaining that there was a discussion amongst the Planning Board in regards to who's responsibility the grass between the sidewalk and the curb is. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks whose responsibility would that be and Mayor Schoenig states that per the conversation, Counsel Folchetti said it is the property owner's. Mayor Schoenig states that the applicant will be at the next meeting and be able to answer any questions that the Board will have. The Board discusses the outstanding items that should be completed before the next meeting.

13. Mayor Schoenig motions to go into Executive Session, Trustee Bryde 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0. There may be a possibility of action after Executive Session.

14. Mayor Schoenig motions to come out of Executive Session, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

15. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

BREWSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

JUNE 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

POLICE CHIEF
John Del Gardo

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

To: Mayor James Schoenig - Board of Trustees
 FROM: Police Chief John Del Gardo
 JUNE 2021

911 CALLS	52	VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$ 803.17
WALK IN COMPLAINTS	4	VEHICLE MILEAGE	5150
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	56	VEHICLE FUEL	729
FOOT PATROL			
Main Street:	43		
MTA	15		
Residential:	44		
TOTAL HOURS	102		
Court Hours - Village	48	(Security Detail) 3 Officers	
Court Hours - S.E.	142.5	(Security Detail) 3 Officers	
TICKETS			
Uniform Traffic Tickets:	204		
Parking Tickets:	96		
Local Ordinance	0		
TOTAL TICKETS	300		
ARRESTS			
CASTRO (4) ARRESTS 511/512	4		
FISHER TRESPASS ARREST	1		
QUINONES TRESPASS ARREST	1		
QUINONES 511 ARREST	1		
TOTAL ARRESTS	7		

911 DISPATCHED CALLS – 52 CALLS
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AIDED – 7

VEHICLE ACCIDENT – 7

DISPUTE – 4

DISORDERLY PERSON / INTOX PERSON – 6

FIRE ALARM – 3

NOISE COMPLAINT – 5

VEHICLE LOCKOUT – 1

ERRATIC DRIVER/BOLO = 1

ASSIST PCSO – 1 – ALARM GUN STORE

TRESPASS – 3

PARKING COMPLAINT – 1

SUSPICIOUS PERSON – 1

SEX ABUSE – 1

DISABLED MOTORIST – 1

WELFARE CHECK – 3

EDP – 3

STUCK ELEVATOR – 1

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF – 1

OPEN DOOR – 1

HARASSMENT – 1

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER POLICE

SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

JUNE 2021

SPEED – 122

RED LIGHT – 16

STOP SIGN – 16

PASSED STOPPED SCHOOL BUS – 1

CELL PHONE – 14

FOLLOW TOO CLOSE - 1

HANDICAP PARKING – 20

511 ARREST – SUSPENDED LICENSE – 4

UNLICENSED DRIVER – 9

TOTAL – 203

June, 2021 Code Enforcement Report



VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
50 MAIN STREET
BREWSTER, NY 10509
(845) 279-3760

JUNE, 2021 SUMMARY REPORT

		Year to Date
A.1560 SAFETY INSPECTION =	\$1,275.00	1,275.00
A.2555 BUILDING FEES =	605.00	605.00
A.2590 PROPERTY REG =	555.00	555.00
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TOTAL FOR JUNE =	\$2,435.00	2,435.00
PERMITS:	8	
VIOLATIONS:	3	
INSPECTIONS*:	4	
CERTIFICATES:	9	

*Inspections total does not include inspections that the Village does not charge for as inspections, such as site visits, plumbing inspections, final inspections, gas tests, driveway inspections, boiler inspections, dryer vent inspections, roof inspections, etc. The inspections listed above are reflected in building fees and are a part of the permit amount.

CORRESPONDENCE
June, 2021

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Anthony Scannapieco, Jr. & Catherine Croft, Commissioners, Putnam County Board of Elections, sent a sign to post for the June 22, 2021 Primary (dated 6/1/21, received 6/3/21).

CORRESPONDENCE SENT:

(no correspondence sent)